



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND**  
**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON**  
**PICATINNY ARSENAL, NEW JERSEY 07806-5000**

Office of the Garrison Commander

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Dear Gold Star Family Member,

We are honored to provide you this Gold Star Installation access card as a symbol of our gratitude for your sacrifice and that of your loved one who died in the service to our Nation. You can use this government issued card as a method to identify yourself as an Army Gold Star Family member and/or to facilitate access to Army Installations for services and support.

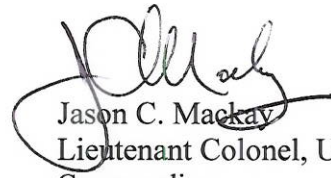
Current DoD Physical Access Control policy requires everyone seeking entrance to a military Installation to stop at the gate and present a government issued photo identification. Your Gold Star Installation access card will serve as your local access credential in accordance with DoD security standards.

It is intended solely for recognition and access purposes - it does not grant additional entitlements or privileges (such as Post Exchange or Commissary) that you are not already authorized. The card also cannot be used for the Trusted Traveler Program. The Gold Star Installation access card is for use on Army Installations and may not be accepted at Navy, Marine, and Air Force bases.

The Department of Defense uses Force Protection Conditions (FPCON) to identify and recommend preventive actions and responses to threats against personnel and facilities. For your safety, if the FPCON is elevated to a threat level above ALPHA for any reason, you will not be allowed onto the Installation.

Your Installation access card is valid for two years from the date of issue. Upon expiration, you may reapply for the Installation access card by completing a new application and background check. Designated Parking for Families of the Fallen are available at the Tree Memorial Site, Army Community Service, Commissary, and Post Exchange. Contact your local Survivor Outreach Services for any additional questions and/or assistance.

Again, we hope your Gold Star Installation access card will be a convenient method for identification and to ease your access onto Army and Army controlled Joint Base Installations. On behalf of our Garrison and the United States Army, we thank you for your sacrifice and are honored to have you as part of our Army Family.

  
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